

**CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 9<sup>th</sup> IÚIL 2021 A BHEIDH AR SIÚL VIA MS TEAMS MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021 VIA MS TEAMS.**

**Mayor, Councillor, Andrew McGuinness, Presiding.**

**Present Via Teams / I Láthair via Teams:-**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí:** Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Martin Brett. Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Cllr. Maria Dollard,

**Apologies:** Cllr. David Fitzgerald

**Also Present Via Teams :** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer

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**Mayor's Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

**1. A dhaingniú Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe.**  
**Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting:**

Minutes of monthly meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Martin Brett  
Seconded by: Cllr. Eugene McGuinness  
And Resolved:

“That the minutes as presented to the meeting be and are hereby adopted”.

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## **2. Cúrsaí thabhairt ar aghaidh ordú ón Mhéara Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.**

The Mayor:

- Congratulated Cliodhna Manning on her selection to the mixed relay team for the Tokyo Olympics.
- Congratulated the Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team on their victory in the Leinster semi-final.
- Condemned the vandalism to cars on the O'Loughlin Road and in the playground and suggested that equipment in the playground could be looked at for replacement.

### **Vote of Sympathy**

The Members joined with the Mayor in offering a Vote of Sympathy to the family of the following recently deceased:

Mr. Paddy Gardner – Father of Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer, Kilkenny Area Office

## **3. Boithre/ Roads**

Roads Update

Mr. Gardner provided a report for Members detailing road work updates for July. The report included information on pavement maintenance works, road resurfacing, footpath improvement works, safety works, connectivity & zebra crossing works, flood relief works, HCV signage, flower planting throughout the City and general maintenance works. He advised Members of the funding received for bus shelters and the additional outdoor assistance allocation. He confirmed that two additional members of staff will be appointed for Active Travel and the contract for the loading/parking bays on Patrick Street has been awarded. He notified Members that Kilkenny County Council intends to conduct a review of the current non-national road speed limit bye-laws within the County and more information will follow.

The Members thanked Mr. Gardner. They raised the following:

- Footpaths in Glendine Heights and Fatima Place.
- Speed limits on Dublin Road.
- Hazel Grove Community Centre.
- Car parking for proposed Hotel on Wolfe Tone Street.
- Plans for the reopening of the City.
- St. Patricks Festival Committee and event management costs.
- Completion of road works in Newpark.
- Time frame for Car Roads around the City.
- Tree trimming on Stephen Street and Glendine Heights.
- Roadside traders in the environs of the City.
- Capital budget and the Abbey Quarter Car Park.
- Greensbridge and crossing for the new Skatepark.

Mr. Gardner and Mr. Butler responded to Members. Mr. Gardner advised that there is one more phase of footpath works required in Glendine Heights next year but works in Fatima Place will be completed this year. The speed limits on the Dublin Road will form part of the non-national road speed limit review for the County and will be going out for public consultation shortly. The process will be undertaken in accordance with the bye-laws and in consultation with An Garda Síochána. He agreed to contact the Housing Section in relation to Hazel Grove Community Centre. Development contributions in lieu of parking spaces levied as part of the planning permission for the proposed Hotel on Wolfe Tone Street will be ring fenced to update current Car Parks in the locality. He confirmed that it would take approximately a week to restore the City streets to their pre-pandemic state.

Mr. Butler advised that an Event Manager has to be appointed to manage the St Patrick's Festival even if it is being held virtually as was the case this year. The national procurement process was awarded to the most competitive tender. This year's festival was an international event running virtually from the night before St. Patrick's Day and all during the day. Kilkenny's St Patrick's Festival is renowned worldwide and this year it incorporated many new events including a concert by Kila and lighting up much of the City in green. It was agreed that a date would be set for the St. Patrick's Committee to meet as soon as possible and get involved in the early planning for the 2022 event.

Mr. Gardner confirmed that he would have an update on road works in Newpark for the next meeting. A detailed report has been compiled on the Car Roads and a presentation will be made to the Members shortly. Decisions will have to be reached on addressing problems and obtaining funding. Trees on Stephen Street and in Glendine Heights are an issue and the footpaths need improving, however this will be a costly task. He confirmed that under the Casual Trading Act roadside traders are allowed to sell fruit and potatoes from May to September with no restrictions other than in a safe location. He agreed that Greensbridge needs to be improved and he will examine relocating the railing to the Skatepark.

Mr. Butler advised the Members that the Abbey Quarter Car Park can only be used by personnel working on the site as per the planning conditions. He agreed to revert to the Members in relation to the funding of the Car Park.

#### **4. Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion**

It was Proposed by: Cllr. Maria Dollard

“That Kilkenny Municipal District request that a report be compiled to consider options for the blocking of vehicular traffic through the Black Fern Gate (a protected structure) and to facilitate alternative car parking arrangements for cars if required. Such a report would also provide members with a condition survey of the gate and possible measures for interpretation and lighting at the gate”.

The Members discussed the motion. Mr Gardner advise the Members that the Council could not block traffic through the Fern Gate as it would restrict access to private parking in the area.

Cllr. Dollard agreed to amend her motion.

It was Proposed by: Cllr. Maria Dollard  
Seconded by: Cllr. Eugene McGuinness

And Resolved

“That Kilkenny Municipal District request a report to be compiled for the protection of Fern Gate to incorporate a condition survey of the gate and measures for interpretation and lighting at the gate”.

Mr, Gardner agreed to discuss the Fern Gate with the Heritage Section to see if funding could be accessed.

It was        Proposed by:        Cllr. Maria Dollard  
                  Seconded by:        Cllr. Eugene McGuinness  
                  And Resolved:

“That Kilkenny Municipal District request a Traffic Management Plan be prepared for the Nuncio Rd area of Loughboy to include consideration of the reduction of the speed limit from 50km per hour to 30km per hour in light of the significant new housing on this road, the audit of the area for accessibility for wheelchair users, cyclists, walkers and other vulnerable road users and the introduction of parking permits for residents due to the increase in use of the area for free all-day parking”.

Cllr. Martin Brett requested that other Estates with through roads be also included in the motion.

It was        Proposed by:        Cllr. Eugene McGuinness  
                  Seconded by:        Cllr. Maria Dollard  
                  And Resolved:

“That Kilkenny Municipal District introduce traffic calming measures along the Dublin Road close to Lacken Drive to help residents exit onto the main Dublin\Carlow road”.

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness requested an update from TII on bus stops in the City.

## **5. Aon Ghnó Eile.**

Any Other Business

Mr. Butler advised the Members that Director of Service Ms. Mary Mulholland intends to seek their approval at the next council meeting to dispose vis lease of a house in the Butts ( a protected structure) to St. Vincent De Paul for €10. Section 181 approval to transfer the property to the Fr. McGrath Centre for a laundrette was approved some years ago but they no longer require the premise. Cllr. John Coonan asked if the property could be used for social housing. Mr. Butler confirmed that Ms. Mulholland will respond to this query.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh reminded Member to confirm if they are attending the National Day of Commemoration on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July in County Hall.

The Mayor thanked all for attending. He reminded Members that they should only discuss items on the agenda. He wished all an enjoyable summer.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MAYOR**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_